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Alexander M. Haig Jr., while an that he never initiated or recasked the Federal Bureau of surveillance as a means of find-Investigation to place underling and stopping leaks of sensisurveillance some of the Gov-tive foreign policy information ernment officials who became to the news media. targets of a controversial wiretap program, according to Sen-become Secretary of State, has ate testimony made public

Senate Foreign Relations Committee in July that he "never viewed myself as anything but an extension of Dr. Kissinger," testified that in passing the names of officials to the F.B.I.,

General Haig, who told the

today.

erally that they be surveilled." Mr. Kissinger, who was Pres-

begun in May of

he had been told to ask "gen-

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28-tained publicly and under oath assistant to Henry A. Kissinger, ommended the use of electronic

Mr. Kissinger, who has since repeatedly described his role as one of submitting to the F.B.I. the names of subordinates on the National Security Council staff who fitted three prearranged criteria for possible, sources of "leaks."

During an emotional session with reporters in Salzburg, Austria, in June, Mr. Kissinger conceded that "in submitting these names, we knew that an invesident Nixon's national security tigation was cortain and that a adviser when th No Objection To Declassification in

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Haig Testified He Acted For Kissinger on Wiretaps

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wiretap was probable."

by news accounts that the wirefair" and that he had requested whatever wiretaps on specific individuals. deemed appropriate. And he threatened to resign

mittee, which confirmed Mr. Kissinger's nomination as Sec-|fice." retary of State in September,

The committee agreed unanimously in August that Mr. Kissinger had not misled it during about his participation in the 21-month-long search for leaks, an investigation for which former President Nixon has said he gave full authorization.

The transcript of the closed hearings, made public today, contains a number of deletions that committee aides said had been requested by the Depart-Kissinger and others. ment of State and the F.B.I. on most complete picture thus far of the genesis and scope of the wiretap program and of the part in it played by Mr. Kissinger's office.

Haig Qupestioned

At one point, Senator J. William Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, the committee chairman, asked General Haig, "What were you told to ack the F.B.I. to do when you submitted names to them - ask that t general investigation be made of the individuals, that they be interviewed or only to testify" before the Forthat wiretaps be installed on eign Relations Committee last new inquiries. their homes?

"Generally that they be surveilled," General Haig replied. bit naive about it, Senator.

General Haig, who named by President Ford last ger's hWite House office, who be finally resolved." week as supreme commander havert himea

individuals with adverse infor mation in their security files.

In response to a written ques-But he attacked the "imprestion from the committee's staff, sion" he said had been created Mr. Kissinger said that "when my office submitted a name, I tap program was "a shady af- assumed that the F.B.I. would conduct an investigation using techniques

"I do not know what specific from the State Department if investigation techniques were the matter were not resolved employed by the F.B.I.," he con-tinued, "but I assumed that wiretaps would follow the submission of a name by my of-

Senator Jacob K. Javits, Re-had brought the F.B.I. the first 1973, held special hearings last publican of New York, recalled "request" for wiretaps on four

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trues?" Senator Javits asked.

"Of course," the Secretary re-

In its report, the Foreign Reconsistencies between the F.B.I. of some of the taps or the terdocuments" relating to the mination of others. wiretap operation "and the tes-timony" of General Haig, Mr.

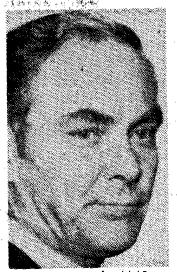
Because of these, the report national security grounds. But noted, "the committee was un-the surveillance effort beyond it nevertheless provides the able to settle to its satisfaction the selection of some of the 17 some questions about the initiation and termination of certain was to read occasional reports wiretaps.

"But it did establish to its satisfaction that Secretary Kissinger's role in the program was essentially as he described it in an individual tap was termitestimony last year."

Discrepancy About Hoover

Some inconsistencies invole F.B.I. documents prepared by J. Edgar Hoover, the late F.B.I. director, and William C. Sullivan, a retired bureau official whom the report described as summer.

veilled," General Haig replied contained in a Hoover memo- do not ask that Secretaries of wiretanning I wasn't the least 1000 written on May 12, State not be criticized. But I do wiretapping I wasn't the least 1969, which maintains that it ask that the questions as to my was General, Haig, then a role and the truthfulness and was colonel attached to Mr. Kissin-completeness of my testimony



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suggested not by him but by 'Having heard that Presiden-Mr. Hoover, three of whom, he tial statement, do you still said, the F.B.I. chief had recomstand by your statement as the mended that Mr. Kissinger not hire for his staff.

Other inconsistencies stem from a series off F.B.I. memos citing either Mr. Kissinger, or lations Committee conceded General Haig on his behalf, as that, "to be sure, there are in-having requested the initiation

Describes His Role

Mr. Kissinger testified, however, that his sole function in names passed on to the .FB.I. of overhead conversations forwarded by the F.B.I. to the White House.

"I had no knowledge of when nated," Mr. Kissinger said, "and I was not involved in termination decisions.'

"I appreciate," r. MKissinger told the committee, "that in scrutinizing the transcript of these descussions, there will always be nuances, or sentences, can give rise to interminable

"I do not suggest that the One major inconsistency is press should not probe. And I